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TO BEET OR NOT TO BEET

CALDWELL FSA CAMP—Verily, verily I say unto you the work in Idaho's sugar beet fields is nothing to sniff at for ordinary evacuee workers whose muscles have been flabby from months of inactivity in assembly and relocation centers. In fact, the work is surprisingly tough to put it mildly.

The first day, you go out and survey rows and rows of green tops of sugar beets and smile with satisfaction that you will come out with a couple hundred dollars in your pocket when the contract is over. At the end of the day you look at your swollen wrists and dirty wrinkled hands and almost topple over the unloaded beets in the field and curse the day when you signed for the work outside. The second day, you

drag your aching body out of the camp bed and get on the truck, furnished by the farmer, and get to your field about 15 miles away from the camp. The rows and rows of green beet tops now seem like just that much more ton of dirty scrap iron to you. At the end of the day you begin to wonder how in the hell Robert Burns ever had the time and sentiment left in his body to see beauty in the dirt and "the wee field mice" to write poetry about them. The third day, you forget about "bringing home the bacon" and console yourself by figuring if you can make room and board for the day you're damn lucky.

It is difficult to imagine how hard the job is for some of our Tuleans who
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TULE LAKE COLONY

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WSSF HERE TO ENTIRE REGIONAL RECORDS AID STUDENTS TO BE CODED IN COLONY

Miss Billie Rowland, who is executive secretary of the World Student Service fund, arrived here Monday morning with Bruce Maguire, national student secretary of the YMCA for the southwest region. She was here to talk with students and to study the needs for funds for the relocation of Japanese-American students.

The World Student Service fund, providing direct relief for students and professors who are victims of war, is international, non-sectarian, non-political and builds for the future through relief plus education and reconstruction, she said in discussing the W.S.S.F.

This was Miss Rowland's first visit to a relocation center.

The Regional Statistics Office has been transferred here, with Miss Evelyn Rose, who recently arrived from the San Francisco offices, acting as supervisor, it was announced by the Records Office. Headquarters will be established at Building #801, operating in conjunction with the local Records Office.

Individual records of the total population in ten W.R.A. centers, located in various relocation areas throughout the U.S. will be sent here for coding purposes. "It will involve handling of some 110,000 individual records, and an estimated six months will be required for completion of this project," Frank Nakamura, manager, stated.

The coded records will be sent to the S.F. regional offices where they will undergo a sorting and filing process. The records are intricately prepared on special cards. Each individual record is categorically classified by electrical accounting machines.

SCOUT COURT

The Court of Honor scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 18 has been postponed a week to Nov. 25, it was announced today. All scouts qualified for advancement will be reviewed by examiners at #4608 on Saturday, Nov. 21.

Personal records of the major percentage of the population here have been compiled. The present personnel, consisting of 60 workers, is op-

VEHICLE DRIVERS CAUTIONED

With the coming of snow and ice weather, all truck and other vehicle drivers are asked to stay within the speed limit. Many cases of speeding on slippery, icy roads have been noted. In order to eliminate all unnecessary injuries, truck drivers are particularly asked to observe care.

FIRST AID

Registration for standard and advanced courses in first aid classes, under the direction of Cosma Sakamoto, is being taken at 3001-A.

Operating on a 24 hour basis, with separate crews on night and day shifts, to mop up operations preparatory to entering the coding project into full swing.

★Star★ ★Dusting★ JOBO NAKAMURA

LIFE AT TULE LAKE

has settled down to a task of daily routine. "Nothing ever happens here," rumbles Reporter Melody Mizuguchi as she comes back from a "beat" rubbing her cold hands.

It will be white Christmas this year for many Japanese evacuees from the "sunny south". Little Sarah and Anna Ishikawa, our neighbors, like many other tots lost no time building a snow man when a blanket of white snow clothed the earth.

The hot biscuit with jam sure tasted good at Sakada's place yesterday. We met Mas during our sophomore year on the Berkeley campus and he had a charming girl friend called Shizu Bando. She is now Mrs. Sakada.

Waichi Oyanagi and his Christian Student Association is contemplating a mass inter-collegiate rally. Swell idea. Little more emphasis on panel discussions and forums instead of "shindigs" is always welcome. C.S.A. deserves the support of every student regardless of religious affiliations. Keep idealism afire.

Editor Howard "We're-in-the-Same-Boat" Imazeki has returned with pink cheeks and shining eyes. THE DISPATCH will show a tremendous uplift after a let-down during his absence.

Oftimes it is my dubious pleasure to visit the Rec center. One person, in particular, amuses me. He is Art Morimitsu. He paints, writes literary classics, and was once a semi-finalist at an intercollegiate boxing tournament. Art has mentioned this fact to me more than 56 times. An intelligent sort of fellow, he laughs at our puns just like anybody else. We regard that as an unmistakable sign of genius.

BLACKOUT THROWS CABARET SHOW INTO CONFUSION

While Tuleans were in a turmoil during the first lengthy blackout last Saturday evening, two of the Colony's traveling entertainment shows had their share of confusion.

At #620, the scene of the issei entertainment the crowd, after patiently waiting, was sent home as the light service was not restored.

After the crowd had supposedly headed for their homes, many who wandered around the nearby blocks got lost. Call was finally made to the war-

dens' office and the people were guided back to the mess hall. Trucks were then borrowed from the motor pool and the lost chauffered to their barracks.

Meanwhile at the Cafe Internationale, held at #5820, the show was continued after lanterns were borrowed from the nearby blocks.

During the unexpected intermission, the crowd joined in a singspiration period and a vocal solo by Martha Fukami, a member of the audience.

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have had no farm experience before evacuation. Here is the picture: Get all the #10 and #2½ empty cans from the mess halls and fill them up with Tule Lake sand so that they will weigh anywhere from three pounds to 15 pounds each; now lay them on the ground in two rows, six to eight inches apart, from the flag-pole to the outdoor stage; get a stick, about a foot long with a hook at the end, and with it pick up these sand-filled cans (step No. 1, pulling beets); after that, you can sort of tap on the can with the stick (emulating Step No. 2, topping the beets); when all this is done and the cans are laid in one row from the flag-pole to the outdoor stage, you get a truck from the Motor Pool and load these three to 15-pound cans on the truck bending and twisting your body several hundred times in all shapes from V to S, and then you would have completed the third and final step (loading the beets).

If you had completed the whole process before noon, working about four hours, you would have made about \$2.50. If you have enough strength left in you to repeat the process in the afternoon and come out smiling,

ANTI FREEZE-USED IN FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

The "Alaskan" hand-operated fire extinguishers, distributed throughout the Colony as a standard fire-fighting apparatus, now contain "anti-freeze" solution.

Residents are warned against improper use of extinguishers. A number of cases has been cited, wherein the extinguishers were used for window washing and just settling purposes. "They have been issued specifically as an emergency apparatus in case of fire", William VanDervort, assist. fire protection officer said.

TULE LAKE Y.B.A. REORGANIZES

Final steps in the Americanization process will be taken by the YBA Board of Directors and the newly appointed ward supervisors and block representatives Thursday night, Nov. 19 from 7 p.m. at #1408. All members of each group are requested to attend without fail.

Newly appointed ward representatives are: Yoshio Usui, I; Yoshio Oto, II; Yasuo Honda, III; Joan Mori, IV; Eiko Uyenoh, V; Takeo Yoshihara, VI; and Madami Sado, VII.

then you can claim yourself a veteran beet-topper who is able to turn gold out of the green beet fields of Idaho.

Howard M. Imazeki